

13. (original) A dieting aid according to claim 12 wherein the frames are provided with retention lugs on the buccal side of the frame when disposed over the teeth within the mouth by virtue of which the acrylic mass is secured to the frames.

14. (original) A dieting aid according to claim 13 wherein the acrylic compound mass is tooth colored.

15. (original) A dieting aid according to claim 13 wherein the acrylic compound mass is flesh colored.

16. (currently amended) A dieting aid according to claim 1 wherein the frames ~~consist of~~ include a tooth biting ~~or occluded~~ surface cover portion, and a side wall ~~portion which that~~ depends from said cover where the frame is adapted to fit a mandibular dentition ~~or and that~~ extends upwardly ~~of the from said cover portion depending on whether where~~ the frame is ~~for affixing~~ adapted to fit a maxillary ~~or mandibular~~ dentition, said side wall ~~portion in use ideally~~ being in contact with the necks of the teeth over which the frame is ~~applied~~ positioned.

17. (currently amended) A dieting aid according to claim 16 wherein the sidewall ~~portion~~ is disposed ~~beneath or above the cover portion~~ on the opposite side of said cover portion to that on which the interdental screws are disposed so that a lateral clamping effect is achieved therewith.

18. (currently amended) A dieting aid according to claim 16 wherein the cover ~~portion~~ is imperforate.

19. (currently amended) A dieting aid according to claim 16 wherein the cover ~~portion~~ is of lattice-type construction.

20. (currently amended) A dieting aid according to claim 1 wherein the first and second magnetic means are replaceable.

21. (currently amended) A dieting aid according to claim 20 wherein said first and second

magnetic means ~~consist of~~ includes first and second magnets, respectively, having a body which terminates in at least one substantially planar contact surface, said body being received in collet formations secured to the respective buccal side sides of the maxillary and mandibular frames.

22. (currently amended) A dieting aid according to claim 21 wherein ~~the respective bodies of the screw threads are formed in said first and second magnets are provided with a screw thread which interengages with a screwthreadedly engage~~ corresponding thread threads formed on the inside surface of the collet formations on the frame maxillary and mandibular frames, respectively.

23. (currently amended) A dieting aid according to claim 1 wherein ~~each~~ at least one of the frames for ~~either or both of the upper and lower dentitions are~~ is cast as a single piece and resiliently deformable so as to be capable of snap fitting onto the lingual side of the teeth and over the biting surfaces thereof.

24. (currently amended) A dieting aid according to claim 17 wherein the side wall ~~portion~~ of the frame allows for the undercut of the teeth with whose sides said side wall ~~portions~~ is in contact to ~~take account of~~ accommodate the barrel shape of the teeth above the gums.

25. (previously presented) A dieting aid according to claim 1 wherein the frames are cast in Titanium.

26. (currently amended) A method of restricting oral ingestion comprising the mounting of at least ~~two frames~~ a first and a second frame to the maxillary and mandibular jaws, respectively, of a human, said first and second frames having first and second magnetic means secured thereto, respectively, in positions wherein said first and second magnetic means are substantially in juxtaposition with one another when the jaws are closed, and wherein the magnetic forces of attraction or repulsion constrain the jaws of the wearer to assume either an adjacent or displaced apart position respectively, said magnetic forces substantially limiting the ability of the wearer to move the jaws together and apart repetitively in the action of mastication.

27. (previously presented) A method according to claim 26 wherein four frames are used, said

frames being secured to the upper, lower, left and right rear dental quadrants.

28. (currently amended) A method according to claim 26 wherein the polarities of the first and second magnetic means are opposite on those sides of the first and second magnetic means on the maxillary frame and the mandibular frame which are closest to one another when the frames are affixed within the mouth of a human.

29. (currently amended) A method according to claim 26 wherein the polarities of the first and second magnetic means are alike on those sides of the first and second magnetic means on the maxillary frame and the mandibular frame, respectively, which are closest to one another when the splints frames are affixed within the mouth of a human.

30. (currently amended) A method according to claim 28 wherein the first and second magnetic means employed in each frame said maxillary and mandibular frames, respectively, include first and second split pole magnets, respectively, which provide closed field magnetism, said first and second split pole magnets in the maxillary and mandibular frames being angularly offset relative to one another by substantially 180° so that the adjacent opposing polarity portions portion of each magnet said first magnetic means in one of the said maxillary or mandibular frames frame approaches or is brought into is drawn toward contact with the opposite opposing polarity portions portion of the second magnets magnetic means in the alternate frame mandibular frame as the jaws are occluded.

31. (cancelled)

32. (currently amended) A method according to claim 26 wherein the maxillary and mandibular frames are cast according to the shape of the maxillary and mandibular teeth of the wearer, respectively, over which said maxillary and mandibular frames are affixed.

33. (currently amended) A method according to claim 26 wherein dental filler material is applied to the fitting surface of the maxillary and mandibular frames before application over the specific dental quadrants.

34. (previously presented) A snoring prevention device comprising at least one pair of frames which are capable of being secured to the maxillary and mandibular jaws respectively of a wearer by suitable means, each of said frames having secured thereto magnetic means in a disposition such that the magnetic means of the maxillary frame at least partially superpose the magnetic means of the mandibular frame when secured to the teeth within the mouth of a wearer, and wherein the frames are cast from impressions of the maxillary and mandibular jaws so as to fit snugly over the plurality of teeth for which said frames are cast and wherein the frames are provided with inter-dentally extensible and retractable means capable of releasably securing the frames over said plurality of teeth.

35. (previously presented) A dietary aid, comprising:

a first frame adapted to overlie at least one maxillary dentition in secured relation thereto;

a second frame adapted to overlie at least one mandibular dentition in secured relation thereto.

Best Available Copy

**This Page is Inserted by IFW Indexing and Scanning
Operations and is not part of the Official Record**

BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images include but are not limited to the items checked:

- ☐ BLACK BORDERS
- ☐ IMAGE CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- ☒ FADED TEXT OR DRAWING
- ☒ BLURRED OR ILLEGIBLE TEXT OR DRAWING
- ☐ SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- ☐ COLOR OR BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS
- ☐ GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS
- ☐ LINES OR MARKS ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT
- ☒ REFERENCE(S) OR EXHIBIT(S) SUBMITTED ARE POOR QUALITY
- ☐ OTHER: _____

IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

As rescanning these documents will not correct the image problems checked, please do not report these problems to the IFW Image Problem Mailbox.